

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 24, “Community College Accreditation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The accreditation rules are being amended to update outdated language and to provide greater clarity about the accreditation process. The Department shared drafts of these rules and had discussions regarding the amendments with representatives from the following stakeholder groups: Iowa Association of Community College Presidents (IACCP), Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT), Community College Chief Academic Officers, Iowa Arts and Sciences Administrators (IASA), Community College Career and Technical Deans/Directors, Iowa State Education Association (ISEA), Community College Continuing Education Deans/Directors, Community College Business Officers, Community College Human Resource Directors, Iowa Community College Student Services Administrators (ICCSA), Community College Faculty Advisory Committee, Community College Accreditation Advisory Committee, and Community College Professional Development Advisory Committee.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the December 16, 2009, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 8388B**. A public hearing was held on January 12, 2010, and public comments were allowed until close of business on that same date. No public comments were received.

One change has been made to the amendments that were published under Notice. Paragraph 24.5(2)“a” has been revised to match the amended language of subrule 21.4(2) (see **ARC 8646B** herein). Paragraph 24.5(2)“a” now reads as follows:

“a. *College parallel or transfer*. The full-time teaching load of an instructor in college parallel or transfer programs shall not exceed a maximum of 16 credit hours within a traditional semester or the equivalent. An instructor may also have a teaching assignment outside of the normal school hours, provided the instructor consents to this additional assignment and the total workload does not exceed the equivalent of 18 credit hours within a traditional semester or the equivalent thereof.”

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 258.4(7) and Iowa Code chapters 260C and 261E.

These amendments will become effective on May 12, 2010.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [24.1, 24.3 to 24.6] is being omitted. With the exception of the change noted above, these amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8388B**, IAB 12/16/09.

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